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Mr. Walter Cunningham
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Dear Walt:

Congratulations on receiving NASA's Ambassador of Exploration Award. What a great honor for you to share with Dot, your family, and the many friends and supporters of the Frontiers of Flight Museum.

The purpose of these awards is to recognize the tremendous contributions America's first generation of astronauts have made to space exploration and to help inspire a new generation to carry the torch of exploration throughout the solar system. Your outstanding service on the Apollo 7 mission and your continued strong advocacy for a bold, boundary-pushing space program have demonstrated the essence of what our Ambassador of Exploration Awards are all about.

The men and women of NASA are now engaged in the work that will enable our Nation to return humans to the moon, send robotic explorers and, ultimately, human pioneers to Mars, and explore other destinations in our solar system. In taking on this challenge, we welcome the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of those heroic astronauts who blazed our first pathway beyond Earth. In this regard, we owe you a great debt of gratitude.

Please accept my best wishes, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M.D. Griffin", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael D. Griffin
Administrator